

MULTIPURPOSE LOCKING PLIERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A folding multipurpose tool including
5 adjustable locking pliers with an over-center locking
mechanism to retain the jaws in a gripping condition.
The jaws of the locking pliers can be folded into the
handles of the tool to produce a compact folded
configuration. A latch mechanism in the tool handle
10 retains a selected one of several folding tool bits or
blades in an extended position for use and includes an
abutment arrangement to prevent such a selected tool bit
from being extended too far. A spring associated with a
tool bit driving socket retains separate tool bits and
15 resists inadvertent removal of an adjustment screw
element of the locking pliers. Upon removal of the
adjustment screw element, special bits, such as a
corkscrew, can be screwed into the tool bit driving
socket.

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